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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

SUBJECT: Disposition of the MIG Plane

The attached memorandum from the Deputy Secretary of Defense is submitted for consideration of the Board at its meeting of December 2, 1953.

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Executive Officer

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

December 1, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

SUBJECT: Disposition of the MIG-15 in Which North Korean
Pilot, Lt. No Kum-Suk Defected

1. On about 23 September the Commander-in-Chief, Far East (CINCFE) announced that we were in possession of subject aircraft and that upon application of the "rightful owner" the aircraft would be returned.

2. To date no attempt has been made by the Communists to claim this aircraft. In view of the fact that a reasonable time has elapsed, and in view of the fact that the Air Force is desirous of bringing this plane to the United States for complete tests, metallurgical as well as operational, it is recommended that staff consideration be given to the following course of action:

a. That the U.S. Government make known that no "rightful owner" has come forward to claim the aircraft;

b. That the Government state that it now withdraws its offer to return the aircraft in view of the fact that no one seems willing to take the credit for being its owner;

c. That the aircraft be turned over to the U.S. Air Force for final disposition as the Air Force sees fit.

3. In the event that this procedure is not deemed desirable, it is then recommended that the Operations Coordinating Board develop a program for further action in connection with this aircraft, noting the intelligence value of this equipment if it can be made permanently available to the U.S. Air Force.

/s/ Roger M. Kyes

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